

Notice of Allowability

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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Attachment(s)

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- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 6/9/04
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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- ☐ Other _____

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8 are allowed.

The closest prior art to the instant invention is Dearborn (U.S. Patent No. 3,153,356). Dearborn teaches a deep hole cutter (gun drill) having a cutting tip (13), a cutter head (12) with a rear connecting part for coaxial and detachable connection with a connecting part of a tool shank (11). Dearborn also teaches an axially extending V-notch in radial section to form chip groove (15) (defining a first outer discharge groove on the shank aligned linearly with a second discharge groove on the cutter head) ('356, figures 1 & 5 and Col. 4, lines 44-49). Furthermore, Dearborn teaches the shank (11) having a coolant supply passage (16) formed longitudinally therein communicating with the cutting head's coolant supply bore (17) ('356, figure 6 and Col. 4, lines 26-36). Although Dearborn doesn't teach the cutting head further having a discharge port formed in the front end substantially diametrically opposite the second discharge groove whereby the discharge port opens in the peripheral surface of the cutting head, this concept is known in the art as evidenced by Lindblom (U.S. Patent No. 6,682,275). Lindblom teaches a deep hole drill having a cutter head (1) provided with axially extending cooling ducts (13, 14) having first and second outlet ports formed in the front end and each positioned substantially diametrically opposite the other. Lindblom also teaches discharge openings/ports (15, 16) opening in the peripheral surface of the

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cutting head on one end and being connected to an interior channel on the other end ('275, Figures 4 & 8 and Col. 2, lines 62-67 and Col. 3, lines 7-16). Lindblom also teaches the cutting head (1) having a plurality of cutting edges formed on the front end and having cutting edges facing each discharge port/opening (15, 16) ('275, figures 4 & 5).

However, Dearborn taken alone or in combination with Lindblom fails disclose, teach, or suggest to provide the cutting head with a bypass passage that connects the discharge port with an axially extending V-shaped groove.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sara Addisu at (571) 272-6082. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on (571) 272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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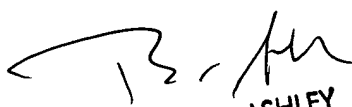
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